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DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA,
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The Burmese have all but given up hope that the four-power committee in Bangkok will be able to arrange the evacuation of Chinese Nationalist troops from Burma. Rangoon is planning to raise the issue again in the

UN. It is also preparing to resume large-scale military operations against

there *troops.*
~~the~~ Nationalists^ Should these actions prove fruitless, there is evidence

that the Burmese may feel compelled to seek Chinese Communist assistance in eliminating the Nationalists. ~~SECRET~~

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Four-power negotiations continue to be marked by the stalling tactics of the Nationalist representative, acting upon specific instructions from Taipei. Moreover, there are increasing indications that the Nationalist forces are still being supplied from Thailand by both land and air. These developments suggest that Taipei at best is contemplating only a token withdrawal, even if an evacuation agreement is reached at the Thai capital.

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Unofficial Italian reaction to Tito's speech was sharply unfavorable.

Premier Pella is expected to continue his previous firm stand in a speech on 13 September.

The present danger spot is ^{the City of} Trieste, where pro-Italian elements may riot, either spontaneously or on orders from Rome. One report alleges that the Italian government will deliberately incite demonstrations; As ^{to give the Italian Govt. an excuse} in March 1952, the purpose would be ^{to} claim that concessions were necessary to appease Italian public opinion.

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